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 FOR MODULATING APOPTOSIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the claims of the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel all the existing claims in this application and insert therefor the following new claims:

41. A method comprising administering to a human a peptide of 10-20 amino acids in length which is a fragment of human Fas, which fragment comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) GQFCHKPCPPGERKARDCTV (SEQ ID NO. 1),
- (ii) QEGKEYTDKAHFSSKCRRCR (SEQ ID NO. 2),
- (iii) HFSSKCRRCRLCDEGHGLEV (SEQ ID NO. 3),

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